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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A white film having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer that is substantially vacuole-free, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch.

2. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film comprises a crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate and polyethylene naphthalate.

3. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the titanium dioxide is present between 0.3 and 25% by weight, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer.

4. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer, the optical brightener is present from 10 to 50,000 ppm.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The A white film as claimed in claim 4~~ having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μm , comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is

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oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch and wherein the film comprises an optical brightener selected from the group consisting of bisbenzoxazoles, phenylcoumarins and bisstearylbiphenyls, said optical brightener present from 10 to 50,000 ppm, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ white film ~~according to claim 1~~ having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, said film further comprising a polyester-soluble blue dye.

7. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein said titanium dioxide has a composition that is at least 95% by weight rutile, and wherein said titanium dioxide exists as titanium dioxide particles having an average particle size of from 0.10 to 0.30 μ m, where the particle size is determined using a Sedigraph method.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ white film ~~as claimed in claim 7~~ having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch and said titanium dioxide has a composition that is at least 95% by weight rutile and exists as titanium dioxide particles having an average particle size of from 0.10 to 0.30 μ m, where the particle size is determined using a Sedigraph method, wherein the titanium

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dioxide particles having the oxidic coating consisting of inorganic oxide(s) or of organic compound(s) or of inorganic oxide(s) and of organic compound(s), ~~and wherein the coating comprises~~ comprising from 1 to 12 g of inorganic oxide(s) or from 0.5 to 3 g of organic compound(s), or from 1 to 12 g of inorganic oxides(s) and from 0.5 to 3 g of organic compound(s) based on 100 g of titanium dioxide particles.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The A white film as claimed in claim 1~~[[,]] having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, and wherein the film has a whiteness that is 85% and a Yellowness Index that is 40.

10. (Previously Presented) The white film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film has one or more layers, and wherein said layers consist of a core layer and at least one outer layer.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The A white film as claimed in claim 10~~[[,]] having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, the film having one or more layers, the layers consisting of a core layer and at least one outer layer, wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are present in the core layer.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

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14. (Currently Amended) ~~The A white film as claimed in claim 5[.]]~~ having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, the film further comprising an optical brightener selected from the group consisting of bisbenzoxazoles, phenylcoumarins and bisstearylbiaryls and wherein the polyester-soluble blue dye is selected from the group consisting of cobalt blue, ultramarine blue, anthraquinone dyes and combinations thereof, and wherein said polyester-soluble blue dye is present from 10 to 10,000 ppm, based on the weight of the crystallizable thermoplastic polyester polymer.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The A white film as claimed in claim 10[.]]~~ having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, said film having one or more layers, said layers consisting of a core layer and at least one outer layer, wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are additionally present in the outer layer(s).

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The A white film as claimed in claim 1[.]]~~ having a thickness of from 10 to 500 μ m, comprising a crystallizable polyolefin-free thermoplastic polyester polymer, at least one titanium dioxide of the rutile type that is oxidatively coated, and at least one optical brightener; wherein the titanium dioxide and the optical brightener are provided in the form of at least one masterbatch, wherein said white film further comprises reground.

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